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I would like to thank Chairman Tanner and Chairwoman Norton for holding this hearing today. With the goal of creating and saving jobs, rushing relief to America's businesses and families, and pulling our country back from the brink of catastrophe, the Recovery Act was signed into law by President Obama in my home state of Colorado on February 17th. I am pleased to see that the Transportation and Infrastructure committee is combining forces with the Ways and Means Committee to track the spending and progress of this legislation. Transparency is essential with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and I look forward to hearing how the Social Security Administration will use these funds to update its facilities. It is critical that we protect that the data held in National Computer Center and that emergency scenarios are accounted for when the new facility is designed. I look forward to hearing from our witnesses and thank you for the opportunity to make an opening statement.